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Church Building Loan Fund Committee Appointed

The Rev. Lowell A. Smoot of Phenix City, Alabama, has been appointed chairman of the Church Building Loan Fund committee for the Southeast Convention. Mr. Smoot has had special training in stewardship, and should prove to be an able chairman.

The woman member of the committee is Mrs. Peter Doherty of Columbus, Georgia, who has been president of the Georgia Woman's Fellowship for the past year.

The layman member of the committee will be appointed from the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference.

Members of the Loan Fund Speakers Bureau for this area are: Mrs. Jettie Logan, Tallassee, Ala., Mrs. Peter Doherty, Columbus, Ga., and Miss Miriam Heermans, Pleasant Hill, Tenn. These speakers will be available to local church groups who wish to have them.

The future vitality and witness of our fellowship depend on our ability to respond to the growth and movement of the American people with a vigorous program for the establishing of new churches and the re-establishing and re-equipping of existing churches.

The church building houses the vital forces of religion. Out of its doors come the men and women who maintain our system of free education, our democratic way of life, our community services and welfare agencies and our mission of mercy and aid to all the world.

East Alabama Association

The East Alabama Association of Congregational Christian Churches met in its 20th annual session at the Lowell Church, Roanoke, Alabama on October 15-16, with the Rev. Olin Sheppard presiding. The theme for the program was "Improved Churchmanship," and the meetings were well attended.

The Rev. Joe A. French presented the proposed Plan of Reorganization of the Southeast Convention. After some discussion a motion was made that this be deferred for the time being and a Constitution Committee be appointed to study the plan and to see that it is presented to the ministers and churches of the East Association.

The Rev. C. Carl Dollar, reporting for the Christian Education Committee, commended Jimmy French and Lynwood Hubbard for their efforts in persuing their education. He reported that two courses had been offered for church leaders — one by Southern Union College on the campus, and the other by the Christian Rural Extension Service at Langdale. It is planned to continue this type of in-service training, and the committee urged continued support of Southern Union College, the summer conferences for young people, the ministerial association and the laymen's fellowship.

Reporting for the Committee on Evangelism, the Rev. A. Goff Bedford said that 26 churches held revival meetings during the summer and 65 new members were added to church rolls. It was felt that the billboard advertising was of considerable help in promoting these meetings.

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David W. Clark Ordained Southern Union College



David W. Clark

An Ordination Service was held on October 19 for the Rev. David W. Clark, pastor of the Liberty Church, Tallassee, Alabama. The Rev. M. O. Worley, moderator of the Central Association, called a special meeting for this purpose.

Special music was provided by the East Tallassee choir. The Rev. C. W. Bennett preached the ordination sermon, and the statement to the people was given by the Rev. M. O. Worley. The Rev. C. Carl Dollar gave the charge to the candidate and to the church.

After the benediction, refreshments were served in the social room of the church.

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The Valley Association of Congregational Christian ministers met at the Hillside Church, LaGrange, Georgia, on September 29.

Officers elected for the new year were: President, Dr. David W. Shepherd; Vice President, Rev. C. Carl Dollar; Secretary-treasurer, Rev. Lowell A. Smoot.

It was decided that all meetings of this group will be held at the Hillside Church until further notice, and the next meeting will be November 4, 1952.

Regular student enrollment at Southern Union College is ten per cent higher this fall than a year ago. There is in addition an evening class once a week for residents of Wadley. This group has elected to study the New Testament under the leadership of Professor Daniel Novotny.

During most of October, President Flannery was in the Chicago area speaking on behalf of the college to churches and other interested organizations. His full schedule was arranged by Miss Marguerite Davison, former staff member of the Southeast Convention. President Flannery attended, October 21-22, the Midwest Meeting of Missions Council in Toledo, Ohio. He returned south in time to participate in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference and the Alabama Conference. During November, President Flannery will be in New England.

An important part of the service Southern Union renders the churches of this area is through extension classes. Several of these were organized last year and were found to be highly beneficial to the ministers, Sunday School teachers, and other leaders in the local church. This program is now under way for the current school year. A class has been organized at the Mount Grove Church, Steppville, Alabama. It is expected that this program, including both literature and Bible, will continue through much of the year. Representatives from the Garden City Church are included in this program. It is hoped that similar groups within a reasonable distance of the college will avail themselves of this service.

Dr. F. P. Ensminger is still carrying on his "whistle-stop" campaign in support of the college through the mid-west. He plans to return to the campus in time for Thanksgiving.

**VOTE AS YOU PLEASE
BUT VOTE!!**

Lanett Home Coming

The Lanett Congregational Christian Church, with the Rev. Joe A. French as pastor, had its annual Home Coming Services on October 26 at Lanett, Alabama.

Speakers for the day were the Rev. W. W. Elder, the Rev. J. D. Dollar, the Rev. C. Carl Dollar, and Mrs. W. W. Elder.

A dinner was served to church members and guests, and after the services a tour was arranged to see the new church which is being built.

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The Rev. Lowell A. Smoot, reporting for the Resolutions Committee, offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted: 1) That appreciation be expressed to the pastor and the people of Lowell Church for their gracious hospitality, and 2) to the Rev. C. Carl Dollar for his message on "Improved Churchmanships;" 3) That a standing vote of appreciation be given to the Rev. John Dollar for his 44 years of faithful service to the churches of the East Alabama Association; and 4) That the group express approval of the Church Building Loan Fund campaign.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Moderator, Rev. Joe A. French; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Lowell A. Smoot; Secretary, H. Paul Beaird, Treasurer, Luke H. Huey; and Executive Committee, Rev. Chas. W. Bell.

The next meeting of the Association will be held at the Lanett Church, Lanett, Alabama, on October 14-15, 1953.

Complete minutes of the meeting may be obtained by writing the secretary or the moderator. They were necessarily condensed in this write-up.

Revised Standard Version of the Bible

Authorized by the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A., leading Bible scholars have been at work fourteen years on the most exciting job in the world — a revision of our Bible. Their achievement is now ready.

In these anxious days, thousands have found that the Bible is a practical antidote for sorrow, cynicism, and despair. But the confusing, old-fashioned words and phrases make the King James Version difficult reading, especially for young people.

The original Scriptures were written in Hebrew and Greek, and were translated in the language of that time — the language of Shakespeare. It is a beautiful language, but the meanings of words have changed since that time, and some words have become obsolete.

It is the old English translation of these Scriptures which has been revised, and not the original Scriptures themselves, and the translation was done to make it a simpler, more understandable, more accurate version in the living language we use today.

Church Building Loan Fund

The first loan and grant made to a church in the Southeast Convention was in 1891 to the Circular Church of Charleston, S. C. Since this time, a total of \$154,401. in loans and \$121,091. in grants has come to this area from the Church Building Department.

By conferences, the totals are as follows: Alabama Conference — 37 churches received \$55,793.; Georgia Conference — 39 churches received \$107,365.; Kentucky-Tennessee Conference — 16 churches received \$112,334.

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Orchids to You

The staff of the Southeast News expresses its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the reporters and ministers who have made this issue possible. Without your whole-hearted cooperation these pages would be blank.

We hope you will continue to send us news of your church, women's organizations, young people's work, and laymen's fellowships. There are MANY churches we have not heard from!

Subscriptions to the magazine continue to come in. We now have 80 but we need 1,000 to make the magazine self-supporting. If you have enjoyed it and if you wish it to continue won't you send us your subscription TODAY.

Our fellowship is widely scattered over a large area, and this magazine is a means for us to keep in touch with each other and to let others know we are making progress.

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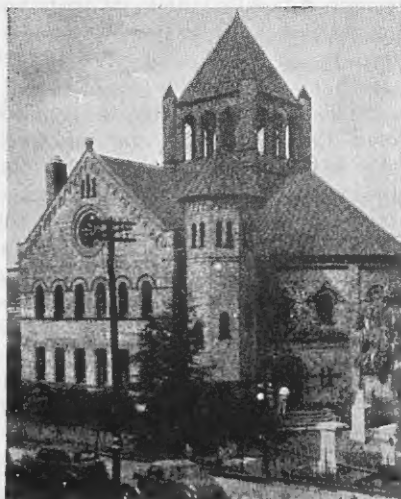
A Church With A History

Dr. F. W. Robertson first used the words, "I love a church with a history," but they were quoted by Dr. C. S. Vedder, venerable pastor of the French Huguenot Church when he helped lay the corner-stone of the Circular Congregational Church in Charleston, S. C. He then told how this church was organized by Hollanders, Huguenots, Scottish Presbyterians and Congregationalists nearly one hundred years before there was a state of South Carolina — probably 1681. It is the oldest Congregational Church outside of New England and the oldest non-Conformist church south of Virginia.

This early church was considerate of its ministers. In a letter to London in 1738, they expressed a desire for a minister and offered to pay his expenses over, and, after a year, if there was dissatisfaction on either side, his expenses back to Europe.

The church has maintained its liberal spirit. Mr. David Ramsey, the historian of South Carolina, wrote in 1814, "It was never so much its intention to build up any one denomination of Christians as to build up Christianity itself." Failing to secure a pastor from New England, on March 1, 1850 the church wrote to London for a minister and we read, "Should anybody allege that we cannot be Presbyterian who do not exactly keep up to and perform all things practiced in the government of the Church of Scotland, and therefore term us Congregational or Independent, we will not contend about it, nor censure this or that form, and shall wish to have a minister of such catholic and charitable principles as our Church professes."

The Rev. William Tennant, Jr., pastor from 1772 to 1777, was faced with a building that was too small.



Circular Congregational Church

Instead of building a larger church, he proposed that another church be built on Archdale Street and another minister be called — each minister to preach each Sunday in each church. He clinched his argument with the announcement that he had £7,000 already subscribed and the congregation approved. (When the Unitarian split came, the congregation peaceably divided, the Unitarians taking the Archdale Street church and the Congregationalists remaining on Meeting Street.)

Mr. Tennant was an ardent advocate both of the independence of the Dissenting churches from the Church of England and of the colonies from the Crown of England. As a member of the Provincial Congress, he toured the south for the Revolutionary cause. As a member of the Assembly of South Carolina, he drew up a petition in favor of equal religious liberty for the churches and secured the disestablishment of the Church of England in the first State Constitution of 1778, although his death came in 1777. So the church,

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through its pastor, made its contribution toward political freedom and toward the separation of church and state.

On February 1, 1889 the church voted that "measures be taken to raise a fund for the support of disabled ministers and of the widows and children of deceased ministers of the Independent or Congregational Churches in the State of South Carolina" and what is now known as "The Clergy Society" was formed and it still functions in this field. (The only other similar society pre-dating this one was the "Massachusetts Charitable Society" formed in 1786.)

The circular type of building, erected in 1804, which gave the present name to the church, was burned in 1861, and then came the war. The members rallied to build Lance Hall in 1867 for educational purposes and to be used temporarily as the church. This church was the first church in the south to have a Sunday School and a building erected for that purpose in 1821.

The black page in the history tells of a two year conflict, 1776 to 1778, between the pastor and his followers and the corporation of the church, which "proved to be the most disastrous event that had occurred in its history. It had suffered from fire, from war, from pestilence, and from the Unitarian secession; but nothing had so marred its spirit, depleted its membership, and hindered its growth as this controversy." The quarrel was over the administration of the Sunday School and neither side would give ground. Many left the church. The church never regained its strength and prestige, but it did build the present church in 1890 and faithful and devoted ministers and members have worked hard to carry on the work over the years.

A new chapter is now being written. In the summer of 1951 the

Southeast Convention and the Home Board requested the present pastor, the Rev. Archie B. Bedford, to accept the call from the Circular Church with the belief that this church could be restored to strength and carry on the glorious history of Circular Congregational Church. We believe that this dream is going to be realized, for the church is growing rapidly today and the pastor and members are working together to this end.

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The Oak Grove Church, located about five miles from Chipley, Georgia, has made much progress in the last four months under the leadership of Dr. David W. Shepherd.

During the past month gas heat was installed in the church, and a barbecue was held on the church grounds. Since almost everything was donated by the families in the community, the barbecue cleared \$530. This money will go to help pay for the gas heating.

On October 5th World-wide Communion was held. After the morning service a dinner was served on the church grounds, and in the afternoon the church held its Quarterly Meeting, with Dr. Shepherd presiding.

The pastor and his family were welcomed into the membership of the church on October 12th, along with six other people — three came by transfer of letter, and three by profession of faith.

The church is very proud of the choir. Twenty members meet every Thursday night for practice, and under the direction of Mr. Dell Hoxie, a great deal of progress is being made.

A Pilgrim Fellowship has been organized with twenty-seven members. The first Sunday night of each month has been designated as "Youth Night," with the Pilgrim Fellowship in charge of the church service, and once each month a social is held for

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Rev. M. L. Thrasher

the members and their friends.

Working with the pastor, the young people are building a grill and a picnic area for recreational activities.

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Since the Rev. M. L. Thrasher became the pastor of the Hunt Church, Alexander City, Alabama, in October 1949, thirty-two members have been added to the church roll. Eight Sunday School rooms and two bathrooms have been added to the church, and a new heating system has been installed. The Sunday School enrollment is now fifty.

An active Ladies Missionary Society is doing good work in the church and community, and the fine spirit of cooperation among the people make it possible for a small group to do great things.

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The Pleasant Grove Church, La-Fayette, Alabama, has called the Rev. Charles Bell to serve them again.

The Pilgrim Fellowship continues to grow, with about twenty boys and girls enrolled. Their current project is selling Christmas cards as a means of raising money for their activities.

The Woman's Fellowship of the church sponsored a "Womanless Wedding" which was put on by the men of the church. Funds from this project were to go toward building a new church.

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At an annual business meeting of the Todd Congregational Church, Shawmut, Alabama, officers were elected as follows: Sunday School Superintendent, Howard Strength; Sunday School Secretary, Annie Lee Yates; Building Fund Secretary, Erma Gray; Deacons, Henry McCarthy, George Hammock, and Howard Strength; Trustees, Cleve Mobley, Johnny Fields, and Ned Treadwell; Clerk, Alma Treatwell; Pianist, Patricia Hammock; Assistant Pianist, Diane Wallace; Supply Pastor, Rev. Charles Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Gray, of the Todd Church, were baptised at a service held in the Langdale church, conducted by the Rev. A. Goff Bedford.

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The Good Hope Church of Baker, Florida, with the Rev. N. A. Long as pastor, observed World Wide Communion Sunday at their morning Worship Service the first Sunday in October. As usual on the first Sunday of each month, dinner was served at the church and was followed by an afternoon of singing.

The Rev. Long returned to Dorcas Church for a Communion Service that evening.

The three churches served by the Rev. Long have been holding Parish Meetings on the fifth Sundays in this year. The meetings rotate among the three churches: New Effort of Bonifay, Dorcas of Crestview, and Good Hope of Baker.

In the last meeting, which was held at Dorcas, the Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, president of Southern Union

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College, and his family, and the Rev. Collie Seymour and family of Niceville, Florida, were welcome visitors. The Rev. Flannery gave the morning sermon, and the Rev. Seymour was the afternoon speaker.

The visiting churches had more people at this meeting than at the two previous ones. The next Parish Meeting will be held at Good Hope Church on the fifth Sunday of November.

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In the days when Valparaiso, Florida, was just beginning as a community, the leaders recognized the need of facilities for conducting the religious activities of all its citizens. The result of the combined thinking and efforts was the non-sectarian Valparaiso Community Church. It was felt that by pooling the resources of the various religious groups, a better church and religious program would result.

Today the Community Church, with the Rev. Collie Seymour as pastor, still serves the need of the community, with people of many denominational backgrounds worshipping and working together.

The Community Church has no set creed of confession or faith; it welcomes those who are trying to practice Jesus' attitudes in daily life and bring his spirit into the life of the community. It is indeed a "Church of wide fellowship" and an inter-denominational house of worship for ALL residents.

The church is planning for a School of Stewardship, to be held November 16-21. There will be services each evening, and the Rev. C. Carl Dollar, director of the Christian Rural Extension Service of the Southeast Convention, will be the preacher for the week.

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The Headland Parish, Alabama, composed of the New Hope, Clio New

Hope, Christian and Blackwood churches, continues to make progress under the able leadership of the Rev. S. M. Penn.

September 21st was the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George K. Hughes, and the Rev. Penn reunited them in holy matrimony in an impressive service brought together many relatives and friends of the couple.

The Rev. Penn will visit the Flint Hill Church near High Point, North Carolina on October 12th. The church there is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary, and the present pastor, the Rev. W. T. Madren, invited Mr. Penn to be present and to speak at the morning service.

The women's missionary society is installing a hot water heater in the parsonage, and this group has bought Venetian blinds for the church.

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The Center Church of Atlanta, Georgia, under the leadership of the Rev. Henry C. Weaver, the new pastor, has recently purchased new Sunday School chairs for the beginner's class and the primary class. The Sunday School classrooms are being re-arranged and redecorated by the men of the church. Buster Jones was elected Sunday School superintendent.

Steel folding chairs have also been purchased for the other classrooms and for the assembly room, and a gas range was given for the church kitchen by Art Rary.

The Woman's Missionary Society is very active and is now meeting twice each month. Mrs. J. T. McAdams is president of the group.

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The Congregational Christian Church, with the Rev. Carolyn P. Welch, pastor, in cooperation with the Lutheran and Baptist churches of Thorsby, Alabama, held a service of Thanksgiving and dedication on the

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completion of the **Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible**.

This service was held in the Baptist church the evening of September 30th, with the reading of scripture, singing of hymns, presentation of a film strip, and the distribution of five Bibles — a gift from the Bible Society. The service closed with a litany and unison prayer, and was a deeply devotional experience for the community of Thorsby.

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The First Congregational Church of Andalusia, Alabama, has elected new officers for the fiscal year — the officers to begin their duties in November, by vote of the church.

The new budget for the church has been set up and approved and is an increase over the budget of last year.

The Rev. A. C. Nelson is the pastor.

The Laymen's Fellowship of the church has finished the paint work on the kitchen in the basement of the church. They plan to put up several pointer signs at intersections near the church. The good condition of the church lawn is due to laymen, who purchased a gasoline mower some time ago.

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The repairs on the parsonage at Robbins, Tennessee got underway in October, and it was discovered that the joists and sub-flooring of the entrance-way were rotting. The pastor, the Rev. Wm. R. Schorman, said, "We must have been walking on air and on faith during the past weeks."

The old pumphouse is being converted into bath facilities for the church, with the pump moved to another location.

The Rev. Schorman's wife and children are visiting his family in Virginia while the work on the parsonage is being done.

The three churches of the Robbins Parish — Barton Chapel, Deer Lodge,

and Glen Mary — were considered a missionary field when the Rev. Schorman became the pastor a year ago. This summer two of the churches began voluntarily contributing to the pastor's salary, and are continuing their responsibilities in this respect. This indicates real growth in the parish in the awareness of the people of their responsibilities.

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The Pilgrim Church of Chattanooga, Tennessee, reports a growing situation and a Sunday School which is at an all time high in attendance, and a significant increase in church membership.

The most recent development in the life of the church has been the addition of a Young Adult Class.

The interior redecoration of the sanctuary and the new lectern have caused much favorable comment.

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The Balm Community Club, affiliated with the Balm of Gilead Church of Seman, Alabama, meets regularly each month. There are fifteen members, and with the dues collected from members they do a great deal of good work in the church and the community.

Every Member Canvass

Work kits and materials for the Every Member Canvass are available from the Missions Council, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Order now, and organize your church for a better Stewardship program. Helpful filmstrips are available from the Convention office (see page 12 of this issue) or from the Rev. C. Carl Dollar, 407 Louina St., Roanoke, Alabama.

The tiniest dewdrop, hanging from
A blade in the morning,
Is big enough to reflect the sunshine
And the blue of the sky.

Woman's Fellowship

The Woman's Fellowship of East Tallassee, Alabama, held their first meeting of this year at the home of Mrs. Jettie Logan. The goal for the month was "Each one bring one." The program theme was "Together With God" and was presented by visitors, Mrs. Gevena Knowles, Mrs. Mark Harwell, and Miss Nettie Gresham. The program chairman was Mrs. Merle Baker, and the hostess was Mrs. Jettie Logan.

The president, Mrs. Wilma Pemberton, presided over the business session and urged all members to attend the regular meetings — which will be held in the homes. Family Nights and Christmas meetings will be held at the church.

After refreshments of Coca-Cola and open face sandwiches, the meeting was adjourned.

Social Suggestion Corner

Why not have an old fashioned School Party? The hostess would act as the school teacher, ringing a bell to open school, and the women would come dressed as school girls.

The first lesson could be Progressive Arithmetic — with the teacher spinning a top in three rings marked 25, 35, 45. Wherever the top stops will be the score and the player may be moved up. Reading may be the star, pupils reading rapidly tongue twisters. Geography could be fun by having on each table (there should be four or more) heaps of paper squares with the letters of the alphabet written on them, face down. As the teacher calls for rivers, cities, mountains, etc., the player at the table who names the first one beginning with that letter wins the slip, and the table with the most slips wins.

The bell rings for "recess," and all go out to play children's games. An old-fashioned well (made from a

large box) may have at the bottom a bucket of cold lemonade to be served to those who come to the well. Pupils may be told to bring sandwiches, or the hostess may furnish the food.

After recess, a spelling bee is the big feature — either choosing sides or as a relay. The teacher may present the winner with an inexpensive prize, and the bell rings for dismissal.

If desired, questions and games may be taken from Bible games, and this party may also be used by young people and men.

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The Woman's work in Georgia is most encouraging. The societies are showing a vital interest in the state-wide program. From Demorest in the north to Waycross in the south, Charleston, S. C., in the extreme east and LaGrange in the west, have come requests for materials and for year books — indicating how unified is our program.

If time and space permitted, thrilling stories of achievement could be told of many societies. The untiring work and enthusiasm of the busy women engaged in this state-wide program is an inspiration.

Recently the state president had a most pleasant and enjoyable visit to United Church, LaGrange. How wonderful it was to see a group of fifty women — met in one place and of one accord — their interest being centered in the great work of the Kingdom of God.

The ladies of the North Highland Church, Columbus, have just turned over to the church treasurer almost two thousand dollars for the building fund. This money has been earned by the sweat of their brows over a period of months. They are very proud of the completion of the annex where they hope to have many happy gatherings.

Pilgrim Fellowship

"The Citadel Congregational Christian Club" has been organized among the nineteen Congregational students at The Citadel. It meets every Monday night at the Citadel.

Thomas Schwarts, of New Haven, Connecticut, is the president for this year. The pastor of the group is the Rev. Archie B. Bedford, pastor of the Circular Church, Charleston, South Carolina.

The Rev. Bedford was also the preacher of the morning at The Citadel on Sunday, October 19th. This is the second time in 1952 that he has been asked to speak to the 1500 cadets in their Sunday Chapel Services.

Students of Southern Union College have organized a Christian Association, and the following officers have been elected: President, Richard Rider, Southington, Conn.; Vice President, Elizabeth Van Cleave, Wadley; Secretary, Jeanette Bowlin, Asheville, Alabama.

Plans are underway for program and projects for the coming year, and it is anticipated that this group will add much to the social and spiritual life of the campus.

Woman's Fellowship

continued

The Women's Missionary Union of First Church, Andalusia, Alabama, has elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Ben Locklier, Vice President, Mrs. Riley Eubanks; and Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Bernice Carter. The Union is very active and meets regularly every other week.

Their project for the year is to pay for a new piano for the church.

The Pilgrim Fellowship of the Pleasant Hill Community Church, Tennessee, under the leadership of the Rev. Wm. R. Wolfe, has re-organized and elected officers for the coming year.

A group of about thirty young people meet each Sunday evening for a two hour program of recreation, discussions, and worship. One night every other week is set aside for an activity that the group chooses.

The October project of the group was making plans for the **Work Day for Christ**.

Misses Betty Teater and Beverly Hall, of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., were delegates to the UCYA state meeting held recently at Standing Stone State Park.

New Pilgrim Fellowship groups, organized in September and October by Miss Loretta Peterson, extension worker of the Southeast Convention, are as follows: Garden City PF, Garden City, Alabama; Oak Grove PF, Chipley, Georgia; Mt. Olive PF, Tallassee, Alabama.

United Church Forms Men's Club

Dr. D. W. Shepherd, pastor of the Oak Grove Church, was guest speaker to a group of men who met at the United Church, LaGrange, Georgia, on October 14 to organize a Men's Club.

Carl Benefield was elected president; F. L. Phillips, first vice president; Hollis Tidwell, second vice president; Hammett Bowen, secretary; Artis Hardy, treasurer.

The group voted to meet twice each month on Tuesday evening. R. L. Farrar and Artis Hardy were named to present the program, and Emmett Bailey and Hammett Bowen, refreshments.



"Daddy, will I have to fight in a war?"

Visual Aids

MORE FOR PEACE — sound and color, 40 minutes, 16 MM.

Continuing an outstanding series produced by our church for our church, **MORE FOR PEACE** is about the church — what its fellowship means, what the church can do — in the community and in the world.

The photograph above is a scene from the film — an inspired story of a man achieving deeper faith, new commitment to the church, clearer insight into life.

Dates to Remember

- Nov. 4 — Election Day . . . VOTE!
- Nov. 4 — Valley Association ministers meet at Hillside Church, LaGrange
- Nov. 9 — Armistice Day Sunday
- Nov. 23 — Thanksgiving Sunday; offering of Our Christian World Mission
- Nov. 25 — Georgia Council of Churches meet at Central Presbyterian Church, 201 Washington Street, Atlanta.
- Nov. 29 — East Alabama-West Georgia Laymen's Fellowship meets at North Highland Church, Columbus, Georgia.

Basis of the Blueprint—

This film tells of the work of the Church Building Department, and is an excellent way to promote the Church Building Loan Fund campaign within your church, association, or conference.

All these films and filmstrips may be obtained from the Southeast Convention office without charge. Send your request to 673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, with a second choice of dates, if possible.

Pastoral Changes:

CALLS:

Allyn K. Wadleigh, to Birmingham, Pilgrim

RESIGNATIONS:

Wm. R. Wolfe, from Pleasant Hill, Tennessee to Carroll County Mission, Virginia

Henry M. Edmonds, from Birmingham, Pilgrim

ORDINATIONS:

Rev. David W. Clark

OBITUARY:

Frank H. Korab, Area Director in Cleveland, Ohio, for the Church Building Loan Fund campaign, died very suddenly in October.

Mr. Korab was to have spoken for the fund campaign at the Alabama and Kentucky-Tennessee Conferences. His death saddened the people of the area, and sincere sympathy was expressed to Mrs. Korab and her family.

His remains were cremated, and a memorial service was held at Doane College.

Recommended Books—

Pilgrim Press

The Better Church School by John L. Lobingier. Practical, down-to-earth helps for church-school teachers, officers and superintendents — presented in a way laymen can understand and appreciate. \$2.00